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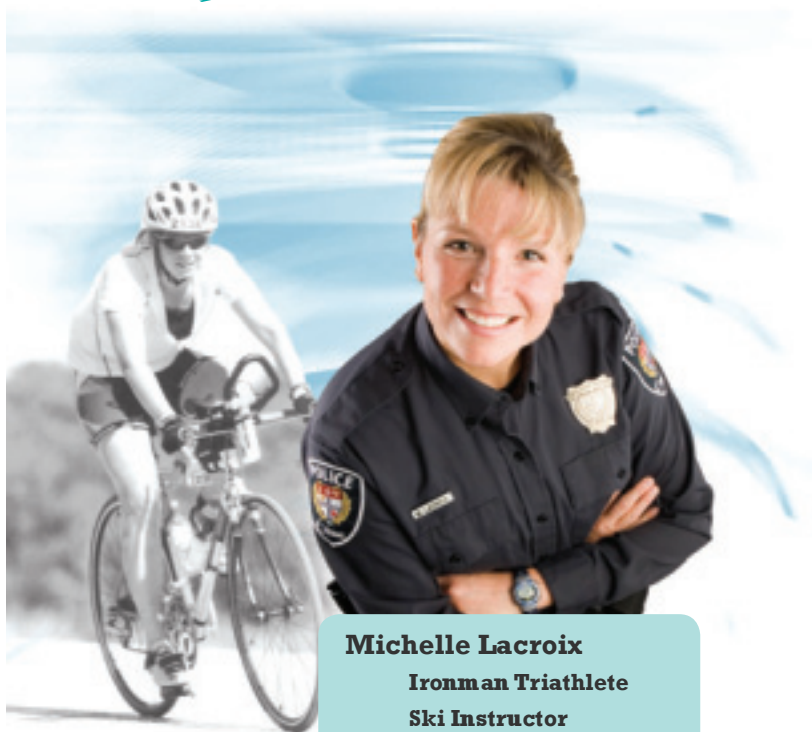
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The Board of Directors of Pride Ottawa Gatineau welcomes everyone to Capital Pride 007, celebrating the diversity and dynamism of Ottawa-Gatineau. We hope you will enjoy the exciting line up of events spanning 10 fun-filled days.

Our annual celebration is now in its 21st year and, to paraphrase a popular slogan, we've come a *long way, babies!* From modest beginnings in 1986, our Ottawa-Gatineau event has grown into Capital Pride, a major festival for both our city and the country as a whole.

We invite all GLBT Canadians to visit their nation's capital during Capital Pride week at least once in their lifetimes to see all that Ottawa-Gatineau has to offer! Our city boasts the fourth largest GLBT community in the country and we are in the process of establishing a new Village on Bank Street that will increase our community's vitality.

Today, GLBT Canadians enjoy unparalleled rights and freedoms, won over decades of hard struggle. Not everyone is so fortunate. In May, Pride marchers in Moscow were attacked by police and onlookers and the Mayor pledged that a Pride Day will never be permitted in that city. This year, we will hold a Human Rights Vigil to acknowledge the plight of our GLBT brothers and sisters in such countries where homosexuality remains criminalized. As the capital of Canada, a G8 country, Ottawa must take a leading role in this fight.

Our theme for Capital Pride this year is *Pride is Forever!* In the year of "007", the theme is a campy reference to James Bond movies of yesteryear. But it is much more than that. It proclaims that we are: Forever Young... Forever Diverse... Forever Compassionate... Forever Courageous... Forever Unified... Forever Strong.

Forever Proud.

Happy Capital Pride to all!

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capital pride
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PARTY IN VIVID COLOUR

It's time to celebrate our achievements. To party, make new friends, join new groups and get laid. To imprint ourselves on the geography of this capital city. All in vivid sound and colour, of course, as befits our fabulous selves.

This year's Capital Pride has a bunch of new stuff to check out, in addition to a lot of old gems. First, most fabulously, we can all look forward to being able to carry our beer around the whole festival site — it's all one giant beer garden now. That's sure to be a crowd pleaser after the parade on Aug 26.

We can all converge on queer night at Super Ex, Aug 18. And organizers of the Caribe Expo Parade have for the first time invited our community to participate in their parade on Aug 18. It's a great way for our community to build bridges to a community that has been historically reluctant to work with us. The AIDS Committee Of Ottawa is throwing a sexy co-ed burlesque on Aug 18. This one is for those who love the edge.

There are a couple of great theatre experiences. First, our own new queer theatre group, Toto Too, is staging a Sky Gilbert play, TheatreLife, Aug 15-18. Then on Aug 19, Pride and the Israeli Embassy are presenting a Holocaust drama (with some humour, *oy vey*), Timekeepers, Aug 19. The amazing Caitlyn Pascal is presenting an all-day movie marathon, reprising the best of Divergence Movie Night's showings, on Aug 19. Next day, there's a Human Rights Vigil at the monument at Elgin and Lisgar to show support for the ongoing struggles of queer people around the world.



GARETH KIRKBY

By the way, there are two boat cruises this year. The first, for everybody, takes place throughout the afternoon of Aug 25.

That evening, there's one for women. Come meet the Capital Xtra staff on the first one.

I'm going to end with a brief plea. Pride is in all of us, it's a political act of expression in a homophobic world; it doesn't belong to any one organization. But the Capital Pride festival exists because a bunch of volunteers give up a phenomenal amount of time from their everyday lives to make sure we have the year's best party. It also takes money to make this happen. So, please, go to everything you want to. But make sure you pay particular attention to the events that give something back to the Pride Committee — including the Rainbow Party on Aug 25 and the Pride Disco Afterparty on Aug 26. Those special events have symbols next to them in the listings in the comprehensive guide you're now holding in your hands.

Let's make this year's Pride celebration one for the history books.

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WINNING THE GOOD FIGHT.

Ricky Barnes is one of our featured Pride Fighters. See page 22.

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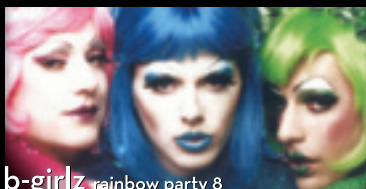
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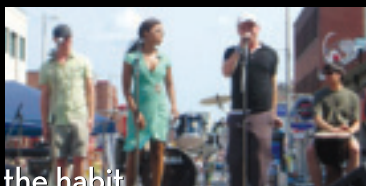


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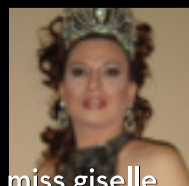
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FRI, AUG 17



FLAG RAISINGS

Ottawa City Hall. Everyone is welcome at the Pride flag-raising ceremony. City officials will preside, without Mayor Larry O'Brien. Members of the Ottawa Gay Men's Chorus will sing Oh Canada. 12pm, 110 Laurier W. Then over to Ottawa Police Headquarters. Followed by a reception with light refreshments. 2pm, 474 Elgin St.



ENTRE "L" MIXED DANCE

Entre "L" invites the entire queer community to participate in its first-ever mixed dance that will unite the ladies of Entre "L" and their gay friends in one place for the first time. Open to age 18+. 9pm-2am, \$7. Au Beaujolais, 839 St Louis, Salle Du Progres, Gatineau.



THEATRELIFE

Playwright and drag queen extraordinaire Sky Gilbert's production, about a theatre company's adventures in staging an Edwardian melodrama, comes to Ottawa's gay and lesbian theatre company. Aug 15-18, 8pm. Tickets \$20. Toto Too Theatre at Arts Court, 2 Daly.

SAT, AUG 18



GLBT EVENING AT SUPER EX

Let's take the Ex by storm! Wear your colours and meet at the beer garden next to the SuperEx Super Store — look for the Pride banner. 5pm-close, \$12. SuperEx at Lansdowne Park, 1015 Bank.



PRESERVED IN PLATINUM

In 2006 Capital Pride celebrated a milestone — its 20th anniversary, but the celebration almost didn't happen. Alex Henryk Wisniowski premieres his new documentary about the people who brought last year's Pride festivities back to life. In association with Leather Fest. 2pm-4pm, donations at the door to support Pride. Breathless, 318 Lisgar.

ACO PRIDE PARTY

The AIDS Committee Of Ottawa and Dis-organized know how to throw a mean party, and DJs Will Munro, Denise Benson, and CPI will keep you dancing all night! Also featuring co-ed sex burlesque hosted by Mikiki and Excedera. 10pm, \$5 at the door. Babylon, 317 Bank.



CARIBE EXPO PARADE

For the first time, the organizers of Ottawa's Caribbean festival, Caribe Expo, invite the queer community to participate in their amazing parade. Come out, march with Pride, and enjoy the music and flamboyant costumes that almost rival our drag queens! Meet at the staging area at 11am. Parade starts at 12pm at Slidell St and the Ottawa River Parkway, continues on Wellington and south on Elgin to City Hall, where the real party begins.

FRONTRUNNERS KICK-OFF

The Ottawa Frontrunners kick off Pride with 5, 7 and 10km leisure runs for people of all abilities. Then join the group for brunch at a local restaurant. 9 am, free. Lace up and meet at the Lisgar entrance of City Hall. See ottawafrontrunners.org.

HOLY FUCK IV

La Petite Mort Gallery hosts its fourth infamous Holy Fuck party to benefit Centre Bruyere's Villa Marguerite. Music by DJs Michel Leveille and Christopher Jabbour, a performance by Montreal's Frigid, "Hustler" videos by Toronto's Peter Kingstone and artwork by Jesse Burke, Eve Fowler and more. 8pm-12am, \$10 at the door. La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

The Centretown Movies Outdoor Film Festival presents Oscar-winning irresistible dark comedy Little Miss Sunshine. Bring your own chair and snacks for this outdoor show at 9pm, admission free. The film is preceded at 8:30pm by a short experimental flick about a day in Toronto. Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset.

RAINBOW YOUTH CAMPOUT

The Rainbow Youth Advisory Committee at the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa offers its very first camping expedition, and it's free. Meet with queer youth and attend workshops about self-esteem, leadership, safer sex, queer history and arts & crafts. The free bus to the Kemptville camp departs at 10am from YSB's Downtown Drop-In at 147 Besser-



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er and returns to YSB around 5:30 on Sun, Aug 19. Accommodation and meals provided. Registration information: Nadine at YSB at (613) 794-0815.

SEAN ZIO

Dusty Owl presents queer poet Sean Zio performing *A Theory Of Angels*, a spoken word piece. 5pm, free. Mother Tongue Books, 1067 Bank.

THEATRELIFE

Closing night of playwright and drag queen extraordinaire Sky Gilbert's production about a theatre company's adventures in staging an Edwardian melodrama, put on by Ottawa's gay and lesbian theatre company. Aug 15-18, 8pm, \$20. Toto Too Theatre at Arts Court, 2 Daly.

WOMEN'S STAGE

A rocking evening of all-local, all female, and all proud performers. Featuring Amanda Rheau, Nikki Greig and more. 6-9pm. Donations at the door go to Pride. The Lookout, 41 York.

SUN, AUG 19

TIMEKEEPERS

Pride and the Embassy Of Israel present a play called *The Timekeepers*, a Holocaust drama with a touch of humour about three characters: a Jewish artisan, a gay hustler, and their prison guard. Meet and mingle with the cast and distinguished guests at a kosher reception after the show. Showings at 3pm and 7pm, \$15. Ottawa School Of Speech And Drama, 294 Picton.

CHURCH SERVICE

The First Unitarian Congregation Of Ottawa. 10:30am, 30 Cleary.

STAND UP

Slam poet and queer comedienne DeAnne Smith performs her stand-up comedy for the Dusty Owl Reading Series. 5pm, free. Swizzles, 246B Queen.

MOVIE MARATHON

Divergence Movie Night brings back favourite films for an epic day of queer

movies. Topics include BDSM, queer riots, India's eunuchs, and the sexuality of trans men. 11am-9pm. Suggested donation of \$5 for one movie or \$10 for the day. SAW Gallery, 67 Nicholas. Full list at divergencemovieonight.com.

BE PROUD IN HEAVEN

Get your groove on and kick off Pride Week with DJ sensation Sean Riker at the Capital Pride Week Launch Party. 10pm, tickets \$5 or \$10 for VIP DJ lounge. Club Heaven, 400A Dalhousie.

MON, AUG 20

HUMAN RIGHTS VIGIL

Show your support for the ongoing struggles of queer people around the world. The vigil includes candle lighting and speeches by dignitaries. A presentation and documentary at City Hall follows the vigil, with a reception and discussion. 6pm, free. Starts at the Human Rights Monument at Elgin & Lisgar.

GLENN NUOTIO

Ottawa's premier homo-emo songwriter and his full band present his cabaret stylings with special guests. 9pm, free, donations will support Project Ten Oaks. Manx, 370 Elgin.

PFLAG MOVIE NIGHT

Come see the classic TV movie *Our Sons*, starring Hugh Grant. 7pm, donations for Pride. Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy).

SEX TOYS 101 FOR QUEER GIRLS

A workshop specifically geared toward women lovin' women. Learn about harnesses, double dilds, and safer lesbian sex. Arrive early to get a seat! 6:30pm, free. Venus Envy, 320 Lisgar.

TUE, AUG 21

TAINTED TUESDAY

Enjoy the awesome music and beautiful people at Touché. 10pm, \$3 cover donated to Pride. Touché, 87 Clarence.

FRONTRUNNERS PRIDE WEEK RUN

Lace up and squeeze in some exercise and socializing during Pride Week. There will be 5, 7 and 10km leisure runs for people of all abilities. Then join the group for drinks at a nearby café. 6:30pm, free. Meet at the Lisgar entrance to City Hall. See ottawafontrunners.org.

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GIRLS ONLY BDSM

Breathless offers an open workshop for women curious about BDSM — what it means and how to get started. 7pm-9pm, \$5. Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy). www.breathlessottawa.com.

TOYS FOR GAY BOYS

A workshop about sex toys geared at boys who do boys. Learn about anal toys, masturbators, cock toys and lube. Arrive early to get a seat. 6:30pm, free. Venus Envy, 320 Lisgar.

BOWLING WITH BEARS

The Ottawa Bears host a night of glow in the dark "cosmos" bowling. 8pm, \$12 includes two games and shoe rental. McArthur Bowling Lanes, 175 McArthur. www.gayottawa.com/bears.

WED, AUG 22

SPONSOR'S APPRECIATION

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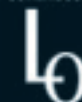
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Ottawa's premier "homo-emo" songwriter and his full band support Nova Scotia rockers Air Traffic Control on their nationwide CD release tour. 9:30pm, \$5. The Rainbow, 66 Murray.

HUMP NIGHT

Why wait 'till the weekend? Start the party Wednesday at Hump, one of Ottawa's most popular gay nights for the past three years. Hosted by Ginette Bobo and guests. \$4 cover. Helsinki, 15 George.

PRIDE IDOL KARAOKE

Move over, Eva Evila, Ottawa homos want their own Idol! In a new twist for Pride karaoke, the audience will choose a winner who will perform at the Pride Day Show on Sun, Aug 26. 9pm. The Lookout, 41 York.

THU, AUG 23



MAYOR'S TOWN HALL

The queer community's chance to meet with the mayor, chief of police and other senior city officials to express concerns and opinions, followed by a reception. 7pm, free. City Hall, 110 Laurier.

CAMP TEN OAKS

Camp Ten Oaks has an open house for people who want to learn more

about the campsite for children of GLBT parents, queer-identified youth and their allies. There will be kids at the camp so you can see it in action! 10am-11am. RSVP in order to get directions to the camp by calling Holly Wagg at (613) 742-5944 by Aug 19.

HETEROSKEPTICAL

Local queer poet Marcus McCann launches his new chapbook called Heteroskeptical for the Factory Reading Series. Also featuring Bill Hawkins and Amanda Earl. 7:30pm, free. Ottawa Art Gallery, 2 Daly.

LAUGH OUT PROUD 3

Laugh it up with some of the best queer comedians. Featuring Scott Capurro, Robert Keller and Linda Ellis. Aug 23-25, 8:30pm, \$25. Yuk Yuk's, 88 Albert.

READING OUT LOUD

Join host Caro Moffatt and other local and infamous queers as they read literature that influenced them while they were coming out. Featuring Excedera St Louis, DJ CPI, Caitlyn Pascal, ACO's Nicholas Little. 8pm, free. Venus Envy, 320 Lisgar.

UNDERWEARMANIA II

See the coolest styles from On Your Bod Clothing on the hottest bodies! 8pm, \$5 to support Pride. The Lookout, 41 York.

RAINBOW ROCKERS

Come hang out with Ottawa's queer curling group and find out what they're all about. 7-10pm. The Buzz, 374 Bank.

FRI, AUG 24



MISS CAPITAL

PRIDE 007 PAGEANT

Vote for your favourite queens as they compete for the coveted crown in the Miss Capital Pride 007 Pageant! Sponsored by Mike's Hard Lemonade and HOT 89.9. 8pm, \$5 to support Pride. Mercury Lounge, 56 Byward. Party with the new Queen after the pageant at Swizzles, 246B Queen.



PROUD CHICKS DANCE

LIX presents its third annual lesbian-only Proud Chicks party. 9pm, \$15 in advance at Mother Tongue Books, Wilde's, After Stonewall and Venus Envy, or \$20 at the door. Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, 102 Greenview in Britannia Park.



PUBLIC SERVICE PRIDE

Who says bureaucrats don't have any fun? Mix and mingle with Ottawa's out and proud public servants at the Public Service Pride cocktail party. 5-8pm, \$5 to support Pride. Heaven, 400A Dalhousie.

CERTAIN SORT

Venus Envy presents a dance party for queer gals and their pals. Music by DJ CPI and other. 10pm-2am, \$6. Proceeds go to the Venus Envy Bursary Fund. Shanghai restaurant, 651 Somerset.

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LEATHER FEST

Workshops, play parties, films and more are part of this year's Ottawa Leather Fest, Forbidden Games, Aug 24-25. Meet and greet and weekend-package pickup at Breathless at 7pm. Packages \$70, individual workshops \$10. Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy). See mloh2002.lynnspc.ca.

LEATHER FILM PREMIER

Alex Henryk Wisniowski premieres his new documentary, *Together In Leather*, a film about leather and BDSM relationships. For Leather Fest package holders. 8pm, Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy).

PANSEXUAL PLAY PARTY

Leather Fest invites you to "play as you like" at this pansexual party. 10pm, \$15 for Breathless members or included in the Leather Fest package. Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy).

SAT, AUG 25



RAINBOW PARTY 8

The year's biggest queer dance party, with fabulous hosts the B-Girlz and music by DJ Christopher Lee! Sponsor HOT 89.9 will be there with live radio cut-ins throughout the night. 9pm, \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. At a new location this year, Capital Music Hall, 128 York.

DYKE MARCH

Join the fearless females of the community for a march starting at 2pm at the Human Rights Monument at Elgin and

Lisgar, west on Laurier, south on Bank to Gladstone, and east on Gladstone to Elgin, ending at the Jack Purcell Park at 320 Jack Purcell Lane. After the march there will be a family picnic and concert with In Purple and other performers. Stay updated by joining the Ottawa Dyke March groups on Facebook and Yahoo.

ELLES LOISIRS

Francophone lesbians are invited to La Danse De La Fierté. Social dancing, 50/50 draw and many other activities. Wear your Pride colours! 8pm, members \$7, non-members \$10. Le Chateau, 100 Rue Du Chateau, Hull.

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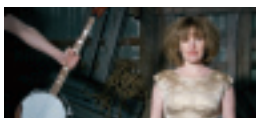


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LEATHER FEST SEMINAR SERIES

12pm Clothespin Play and Sensual BDSM, presented by Alex Wisniowski. 1pm Deep Tissue Bruising, followed



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SWIZZLES BOAT CRUISE

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon boat cruise. The two-storey boat has lots of room for people to dance, or just enjoy the casual party. The bus leaves Swizzles at 12:15pm and returns at 5:30. \$25 tickets include a small meal before the cruise and bus transportation to the boat. Everyone welcome. Swizzles, 246B Queen.

OLYMPUS LEATHER CONTEST

Who will be Mr and Ms Ontario Olympus Leather 2007? Winners will receive airfare, hotel accommodation, and contestant fees for the Mr and Ms Olympus Leather competition in Chicago in July 2008. Doors 7:30pm, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, or included in the Leather Fest package. Breathless, 318 Lisgar (above Venus Envy).



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VENUS ENVY SALE

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WOMEN'S BOAT CRUISE

Party, mingle, and dance the night away — just the gals! Party starts at The Lookout and continues on the boat cruise until midnight before taking the festivities back to The Lookout. A shuttle from The Lookout is available at 7:30pm for \$5. Tickets \$25 available at Venus Envy, Mother Tongue Books, and After Stonewall. Boat leaves from 1 Jacques Cartier in Gatineau at 8pm.

SUN, AUG 26**21ST ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE**

The highlight of Capital Pride Week! Join thousands of revellers on a march past all three levels of government. The parade route starts at 1pm at the Garden Of The Provinces at Wellington and Bay. The parade will continue along Wellington before heading down Elgin to Festival Plaza at Ottawa City Hall (110 Laurier W), where the party begins. Don't feel like walking? Ride the Pride Bus. Please bring non-perishable food items to be collected by the Ottawa Food Bank van at the end of the parade.

PRIDE DAY SHOW

The bad news? There won't be a beer garden at the Pride Show this year. The good news? That's because the whole site is licensed to serve alcohol. Performers include Kelly And The Kelly Girls,

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JULIA SERANO

Champion slam poet Julia Serano comes to Ottawa. The author of *Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman On Sexism And The Scapegoating Of Femininity* will be reading and performing at Venus Envy. 6pm, free. 320 Lisgar.

PRIDE DAY BRUNCH

The Buzz restaurant hosts their annual Pride Day Brunch. Start your Pride with the most important meal of the day. A portion of proceeds will support Pride. 10am. The Buzz, 374 Bank.

local favourites The Habit and Pair Of Aces, rising stars The Clicks, the Dragon Ritual Drummers, Indian dancers, and of course, our amazing drag queens! Renowned gay comedian Trevor Boris from Much Music will be the MC for the day's festivities. 2-11pm, \$5 at the gate. Festival Plaza at City Hall, 110 Laurier W.

INFO FAIR

A gathering of queer community groups, businesses and artisans. Vendors and social service agencies will display their resources and wares for sale. 3pm, admission to the Capital Pride Day show and Info Fair is \$5 at the gate. Festival Plaza at City Hall, 110 Laurier W.

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Proud women are coming out in full force this year with a ton of events geared towards the gals. Whether you want to socialize, learn about sex, get political, or party, Pride has something for all women.

Women's group Entre "L" is kicking off Pride Week Fri, Aug 17 with their first ever co-ed dance. Bring your gay friends and show them how it's done. Open to age 18+. 9pm-2am, tickets \$7. Au Beaujolais, 839 St Louis, Salle Du Progres, Gatineau.

On Sat, Aug 18, the Women's Stage is a rocking evening of all-local lesbian performers, including Nikki Gregoire and Amanda Rheume. 6pm-9pm, donations at the door to support Pride. The Lookout, 41 York.

Indulge your playful and kinky side with sex-themed events. Venus Envy holds a free toy workshop for queer girls at 6:30pm on Mon, Aug 20 at 320 Lisgar. Learn about BDSM in a two-hour seminar at Breathless on Tues, Aug 21 at 318 Lisgar above Venus Envy. Venus Envy holds their annual sale 11am-7pm on Sat, Aug 25 — get 20 percent off all toys.

The Lesbian Information Xchange hosts their Proud Chicks 3 dance for lesbians only at 9pm on Fri, Aug 24. Advance tickets \$15 at Mother Tongue Books, Wilde's, After Stonewall, and Venus Envy or \$20 at the door. Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre, 102 Greenview in Britannia Park.

The Dyke March kicks off at 2pm on Sat, Aug 25 at the Human Rights Monument on Elgin and Lisgar. The march ends at Jack Purcell park, where there will be a fami-

ly picnic and performances, including In Purple. After the march, cool off on the Women's Boat Cruise from 8pm-12am. Tickets are \$25 and for an extra \$5 you can get bus transportation from The Lookout to the cruise, and back.

There's so much going on that it doesn't all fit on this page! Make sure to check the day-by-day listings for a complete guide.



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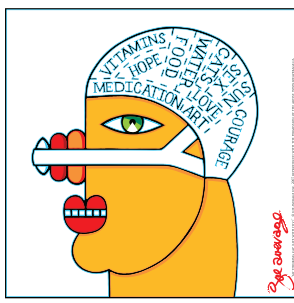



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In the words of our pride fighters

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Chapters Past



Joe Cassey Former Ottawa city councillor, Capital Ward

Before we had Diane Holmes at city hall, straight ally Joe Cassey was shaking things up at council and forcing the city to acknowledge the gay community. His motion to secure funding for the Gayline in the '70s opened council's eyes to gay issues and paved the way for a more homo-friendly city hall.

“ I knew from talking to a number of my colleagues that I was going to lose the motion, so I said it would be a service to the mothers and fathers and the relatives of gay people to get a better understanding of the gay community. And on the strength of that argument, I switched over votes and won the vote so that it was carried. And in those days that was very hard to do, because there was so much prejudice against the gay community from many of the sitting members of council.”



In the 1980s, the fear and ignorance surrounding the AIDS crisis inspired activists like Barry Deepröse to found the AIDS Committee Of Ottawa. Canada's AIDS movement was the first time that the patients were largely calling the shots about how they would be treated. The result changed our health care system and made it less authoritarian.

“Here we have the municipality demanding compulsory testing — of course, of certain groups — gay men. On the other hand, we took it beyond that, and we fought for anonymous testing. That removed it entirely from the usual control model of Public Health, and we won. Our argument was that people are so stigmatized from the test that they won't get it. And because they won't take the test, there won't be the earlier interventions, they won't know they're positive, and they might spread the virus further. And actually we won out.”



John Duggan Former member and spokesperson, Gays Of Ottawa

When police raided Ottawa's Club Baths in 1976 and arrested 27 men, Gays Of Ottawa swung into action. The group managed to turn the experience into a public education campaign about gay sexuality — and get the public to criticize police treatment of gays.

“ Another positive aspect of it was the police action had, from [the police's] point of view, a counter-productive effect of bringing to the public's attention part of gay culture, namely bathhouses for gay men or bisexual men. And there were a lot of even closeted gays who didn't know such things existed. So in some ways it was publicity for the Club Baths. And it did lead to, I think, more education and more discussion of sexuality, of gay sexuality and of human sexuality in general. ”

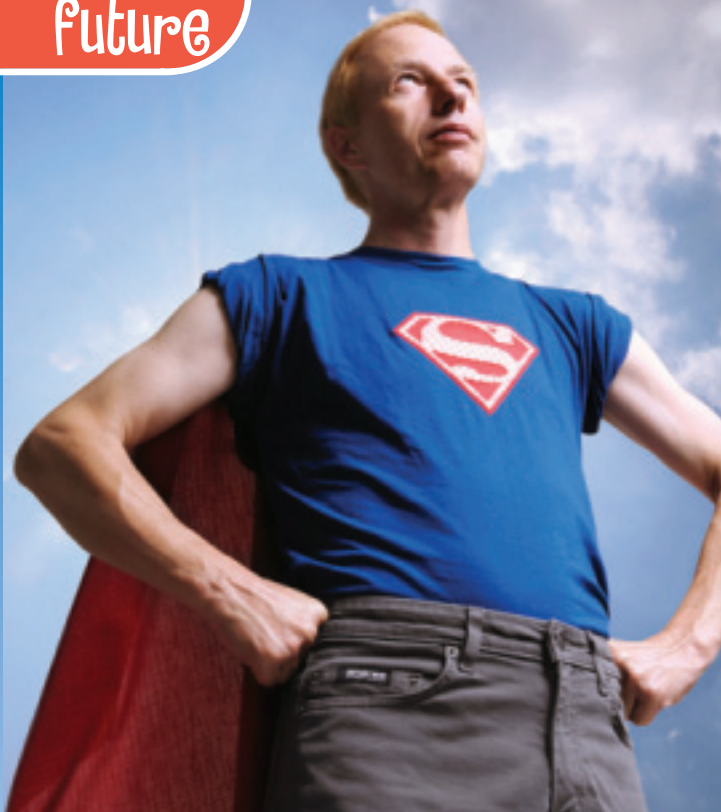
Anik Dalby Child and youth in-care services recruitment worker,
Children's Aid Society Of Ottawa



After realizing there was a “natural bridge” between the queer community and the Children's Aid Society, Anik Dalby made it her mission to create more rainbow families in Ottawa.

“The difference is huge from six years ago to today in the community’s trust and the belief in us, and the awareness that it’s a possibility. Now, the calls that I get are people saying that they have three friends who have adopted through us and they’d like to adopt as well. Whereas six years ago, when I went to Pride for the first time, I think about 100 percent of the people were saying, ‘Well, you don’t want us, we’re gay.’”

Chapters Future



Ricky Barnes Gay men's health and wellness HIV/AIDS prevention coordinator, Pink Triangle Services

When the City Of Ottawa began plans to revamp Bank Street without consulting rainbow businesses and community groups in the area, queers demanded to be involved in 2006. Now we have two strong voices on the project's advisory committee, and Ricky Barnes won't rest until we've "staked our turf."

“There's a recognition already within the city, and broadly, that this is the gay village. But there's no opportunity, until we actually identify it and get the city to adopt it, to actively market this area within Ottawa, within the country and elsewhere. There's potential to market Bank Street and the village as a place to go. We're the fourth largest city in Canada and we're the only large city in Canada without a village.”



Now that the city has cancelled the safe inhalation (crack pipe) program, Graham and Little's work educating people about harm reduction has a new sense of urgency.

Little: “We’ve found it’s effective for HIV and sexual health outreach workers to go into the baths and to do work there, to bring lube and condoms into the baths and have conversations there on how to negotiate condom use. It’s not effective to close down the bathhouse because you won’t solve the problem, you simply push it somewhere else. It’s the same thing with crack use. By cutting this crack pipe program, we will not be stopping crack use in our city, we’ll simply push it underground and make it less safe.”

Graham: “Our community pioneered harm reduction around safer sex messages. This follows from our own history. And queer people have high rates of alcoholism, drug addiction and homelessness as a result of homophobia.”



Alex Kennedy brings his personal experience as a trans man to the table as the Coordinator for Ottawa U's Pride Centre. This fall he'll be working to make the campus more trans-friendly.

“There's the same lack of education about trans issues within the queer community as I think there is in the population in general. Nobody wants to ask questions and seem like they don't know about it, so we all assume that everybody knows. Even the basics of what you're talking about when you start talking about trans issues — nobody wants to be the one to admit that they have no idea what you're talking about.”



Sue Pihlainen Coordinator, Evelyn Horne emergency and transitional housing for young women, Youth Services Bureau Of Ottawa

As an out and proud lesbian, Sue Pihlainen has made sure that her young women's shelter is open and inclusive to queer and trans women. Now, she's offering her experiences to help educate other shelters about gender and sexuality issues.

“ All of the staff are trained and sensitive, they are allies, and they're fantastic role models for the other young women. I don't think that's the experience of youth across Canada in youth shelters or in child welfare agencies. I think there's a lot of pressure to conform, a lot of subtle messages, and some ill treatment of kids that don't fit the traditional stereotypes of being straight and also being a woman, for example. There are prescribed stereotypes of what's acceptable and what isn't. And there's still a lot out there.”



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Before we had a Pride parade, Ottawa queers had a Pride picnic. The "picnic" has sure grown, but that tradition continues with the annual Pride Party after the parade on Sun, Aug 26.

Thumping party music will welcome revellers to Festival Plaza at City Hall starting at 2pm, with live performances following shortly after. Fan favourites like campy glam rockers Kelly And The Kelly Girls and local queer band The Habit will be joined by Disco Inferno, the Dragon Ritual Drummers, an Indian dance troupe, and many more.

And this year you can take your drink with you to the show, because the entire site of the Pride Party will be licensed to serve alcohol!

Gay comedian Trevor Boris of Much Music fame will keep the crowd laughing as the master of ceremonies for the day.

When you want to take a break

from dancing, head over to the Info Fair also at Festival Plaza to check out the queer vendors, artisans, and community groups.

This year, everything will be in front of City Hall — nothing at the back! The stage will be located by the entrance to City Hall, the Info Fair will be along the front wall, and people in need of some R&R can head to the Laurier St side where the KidCan area and rest tent will be located.

Also new this year is the Dog And Pony Karaoke Lounge inside City Hall. Come escape the sun, belt out your favourite tunes, and enjoy the indoor bar.

Admission to the Pride Show, Info Fair, and the Dog And Pony Karaoke Lounge is \$5 at the gate.

See www.prideottawa.com for details.

—Laura Mueller

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FOR UNDER-25s

Pride keeps getting better for queer youth.

New this year, the Youth Services Bureau is offering a two-day camp for queer youth. The Rainbow Youth Advisory's Camp Out in Kemptville has workshops about homo history, leadership, safer sex — and camp crafts, of course. Accommodation and meals included — and it's all free! Register by Sun, Aug 19. Call Nadine at YSB at (613) 794-0815.

Families can learn more about Camp Ten Oaks, a camp for queer-identified youth, children of LGBT parents, and their allies. Open house is Thu, Aug 23 from 10am-11am. The outdoor setting in the Gatineau Hills region offers sports, water activities, and social justice programming. Register with Holly Wagg at (613) 742-5944 by Sun, Aug 19 to get directions to the camp.

We're queering the Super Ex on Sat, Aug 18. Wear your pride colours and meet at the beer garden next to the Super Stage at 5pm. Admission is \$12, or \$7 for kids. Lansdowne Park, 1015 Bank.

DJ CPI spins the Certain Sort party at Shanghai on Fri, Aug 24 at 10pm. It's a hot dance party for queer

gals and their pals. Age 19+. Proceeds to the Venus Envy Bursary Fund. \$6 cover, Shanghai, 651 Bank.

The Pride Committee brings you what they're billing as the biggest queer dance party, with fabulous hosts the B-Girlz and music by DJ Christopher Lee and Jungle Jen. Sat, Aug 25, 9pm. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Capital City Music Hall, 128 York.

Don't forget the after-parade Pride Show at 2pm on Sun, Aug 26 is also family friendly and has an area especially for kids! City Hall Festival Plaza.

Keep the groove going after the parade and the Pride Party at city hall. The Pride Disco After-party features Manhattan DJ and model Billy Steele. Sun, Aug 26, 9pm. \$10 or \$15 for VIP. Club Heaven, 400A Dalhousie.



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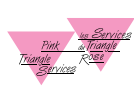
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The Annual General Meeting of the Pride organization will take place on Tuesday October 2 at 6:30pm at Pink Triangle Services. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Please note, you must have purchased a membership prior to August 31 to be eligible to vote for new Board members and proposed by-law amendments. Memberships are \$10. See www.prideottawa.com for more information.

We strongly encourage people to get involved with the Pride Committee, including running for vacant Board positions. With strong community support, Capital Pride 2008 will be a great success!

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AT A GLANCE

FRI, AUG 17

- 12pm** OTTAWA CITY HALL
FLAG RAISING
- 2pm** OTTAWA POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
FLAG RAISING
- 8pm** THEATRELIFE
- 9pm** ENTRE "L" MIXED DANCE

SAT, AUG 18

- 9am** FRONTRUNNERS
- 10am** RAINBOW YOUTH CAMP OUT
- 12pm** CARIBE EXPO PARADE
- 2pm** PRESERVED IN PLATINUM
- 5pm** SEAN ZIO
- 6pm** QUEER EVENING AT SUPER
EX / WOMEN'S STAGE
- 8pm** HOLY FUCK IV /
THEATRELIFE
- 9pm** LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
- 10pm** ACO PRIDE PARTY

SUN, AUG 19

- 10:30am** UNITARIAN
CHURCH SERVICE
- 11am-9pm** DIVERGENCE MOVIES
- 3pm & 7pm** TIMEKEEPERS
- 5pm** De ANNE SMITH
- 10pm** PRIDE DISCO

MON, AUG 20

- 6pm** HUMAN RIGHTS VIGIL
- 6:30pm** SEX TOYS FOR QUEER GIRLS

- 7pm** PFLAG MOVIE NIGHT
- 9pm** GLENN NUOTIO

TUE, AUG 21

- 6:30pm** FRONTRUNNERS /
TOYS FOR GAY BOYS
- 7pm** GIRLS ONLY BDSM
- 8pm** BOWLING WITH BEARS
- 10pm** TAINTED TUESDAY

WED, AUG 22

- 5pm** SPONSOR'S RECEPTION
- 7pm** BOYS ONLY BDSM
- 9pm** PRIDE IDOL KARAOKE
- 9:30pm** GLENN NUOTIO AND
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
- 10pm** HUMP NIGHT

THU, AUG 23

- 10am** CAMP TEN OAKS
OPEN HOUSE
- 7pm** MAYOR'S MEETING /
RAINBOW ROCKERS
- 7:30pm** HETEROSKEPTICAL
- 8pm** READING OUT LOUD /
UNDERWEARMANIA

- 8:30pm** LAUGH OUT PROUD

FRI, AUG 24

- 5pm** PUBLIC SERVICE PRIDE
- 7pm** LEATHERFEST MEET & GREET
- 8pm** LEATHER FILM PREMIER /
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- 8:30pm** LAUGH OUT PROUD

- 9pm** PROUD CHICKS DANCE
- 10pm** CERTAIN SORT /
PANSEXUAL PLAY PARTY

SAT, AUG 25

- 9am** FRONTRUNNERS
- 11am-7pm** VENUS ENVY SALE
- 12pm-4pm** LEATHERFEST
SEMINARS
- 12:30-5:30pm** SWIZZLES
BOAT CRUISE
- 2pm** DYKE MARCH
- 8pm** ELLES LOISIRS DANCE /
OLYMPUS LEATHER
CONTEST / WOMEN'S
BOAT CRUISE

- 8:30pm** LAUGH OUT PROUD

- 9pm** RAINBOW PARTY
- 10:30pm** PANSEXUAL PLAY PARTY

SUN, AUG 26

- 9am & 10:15am** ANGLICAN
CHURCH SERVICE
- 10am** PRIDE DAY BRUNCH
- 11:15am** UNITED
CHURCH SERVICE
- 1pm** PRIDE PARADE
- 3pm** PRIDE DAY SHOW
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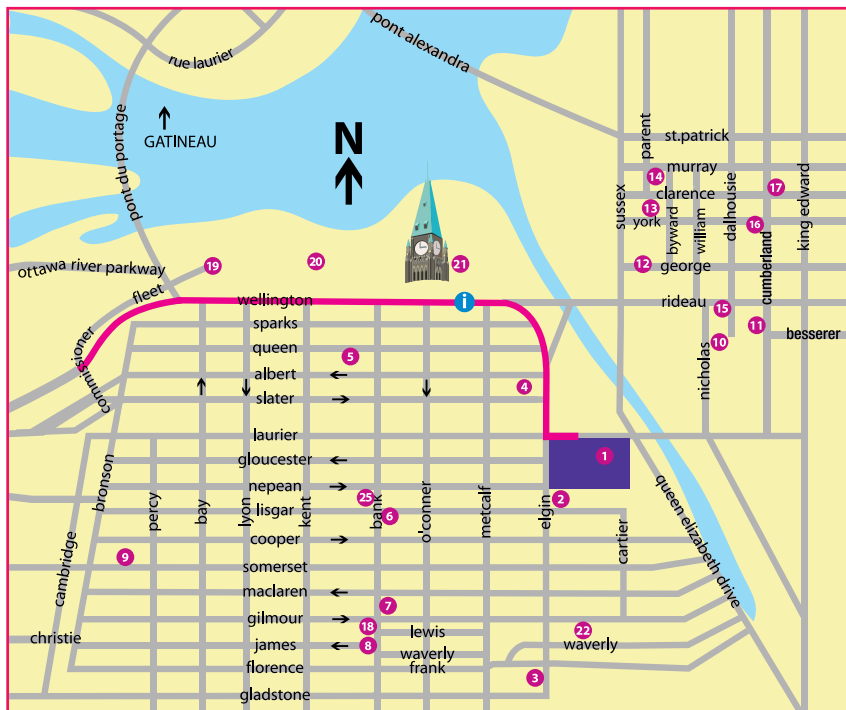
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7. Babylon
8. Buzz
9. Shanghai Restaurant
10. Saw Gallery / Arts Court
11. Youth Services Bureau
12. Helsinki
13. Lookout
14. The Rainbow
15. Heaven
16. Capital City Music Hall
17. La Petite Mort Gallery

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Sun, Aug 26, 1pm



Pride Day Show & Info Fair

Festival Plaza

Sun, Aug 27, 2pm-11pm



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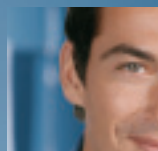
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